



Hermosa Beach City Manager's Office City Council Meeting Updates 1.23.18

A brief summary of important City Council updates discussed during the January 23, 2018 regularly scheduled meetings are provided below:



Officer Keef Retires - Council recognized the retirement of Officer Keef, our HBPd canine officer, a black Labrador retriever who began with the department in 2009. After 8 years of service to the Hermosa Beach community, Officer Keef will enjoy his retirement by becoming a permanent member of the Brunn family.

Chamber of Commerce Financial Update - Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce CEO Maureen Hunt provided an update on the Chamber's financials associated with the 2017 Fiesta Hermosa events and described some of the additional features the Chamber is considering adding to future Fiesta events.

Community-wide Garage Sale and Household Hazardous Waste Events - The City Manager provided a brief announcement related to two events happening in Hermosa Beach on Saturday January 27, 2018 - the [Community Wide Garage Sale](#) and the [Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Round Up](#).

Expiration of Building Permits - Council approved the recommendation of the Planning Commission to amend the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code related to the expiration of building permits. The code will be amended to allow the Planning Commission to grant longer construction time frames for large or complex discretionary projects.



Allocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds - A resolution was adopted by Council approving the allocation of \$120,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to construct approximately 11 ADA accessible sidewalk curb ramps along Prospect Avenue.

Letter of Support for AB 1775 and SB 834 - Council approved the submission of a letter of support for legislation proposed by the California Senate and Assembly that would prohibit the State Lands Commission and Local Trustees from entering into lease agreements for exploration or production of oil or natural gas in state-regulated coastal waters, up to three miles from the shoreline. California Assembly Bill 1775 and SB 834 have been introduced to prohibit the production or exploration for oil in response to the Federal Government's announcement of intent to open up oil drilling off the coast of California. Residents interested in finding additional information about the proposed legislation and submitting individual comments can find details [here](#).

Special Event Permit for Hope Chapel's Easter Sunrise Service - Modifying the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Council approved a special event permit for Hope Chapel to host an Easter Sunrise Service on the east lawn of the Community Center on Sunday April 1. Community Resources staff will work with the applicant to minimize noise impacts and provide advanced notice to nearby residences.



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Public Information Officer Services Contract - Council authorized the City to enter into a professional services agreement with Laura Mecoy Communications LLC., to provide Public Information Officer and strategic communications services on behalf of the City of Hermosa Beach. The contract approved will be in the amount of \$72,000 for one year of services, with the option to renew the contract for two additional one-year terms. The firm's Principal, Laura Mecoy has an extensive track record with the City, as she was involved in communications related to the revitalization of upper Pier Avenue, the launch the city's initial anti-smoking ordinance, and the Macpherson and E&B lawsuit settlements.

**COUNCIL WILL HOST A STUDY SESSION ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2018 AT 7 PM.
THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018 AT 7PM.**

Questions or comments? Contact the City Manager Sergio Gonzalez Monday through Thursday, 7AM- 6PM at (310) 318-0216 or via email at sgonzalez@hermosabch.org.

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